

CLOVER COMMUNITY PROGRAM
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Dear Friend:

In the long run, the problems of children of farm workers will be met by raising breadwinners' wages to such a level it is possible for families to survive without mothers of young children -- and, in some cases, young children themselves -- working in the fields.

But this solution will require considerable time. And, in the meanwhile, there are very immediate problems to be dealt with. From our experience in the fields and in farm labor residential areas, we have identified one of the most important of these problems. When mothers must work in agriculture, there are, under present circumstances, only a few ways to manage their small children. The children may be taken into the fields, where they play in polluted irrigation ditches or under the wheels of trucks. They may be left locked in a car all day. They may be left at home, under the care of a slightly older brother or sister who thereby misses school. Or they may be left at home, unattended.

None of these arrangements is acceptable. The absence of day care facilities for children of agricultural workers has most serious consequences for education, health, and general well-being. It is one of the leading concerns of farm workers themselves, and it should be of concern to the entire community.

An attempt is being made, in one farm labor neighborhood, to meet this problem on a self-help basis. In the Clover Road area of North Tracy, San Joaquin County, many mothers of small children will be working this fall in tomato fields, packing sheds, and canneries. An emergency day care center is being opened from August through October to provide care for as many of these small children as possible. Physical facilities for the center have been located. Contributions of second-hand toys, books, and equipment have been received. A number of volunteer workers have offered their services.

But an estimated \$750 or \$800 is needed to renovate the physical facilities, provide the children with suitable meals, and meet the minimal day-to-day expenses of our volunteer teachers. The income of farm workers is too low to pay more than a nominal charge for child care. (Average earnings of tomato pickers are about \$5.00 per day.) It is therefore necessary that we ask for contributions from interested individuals and organizations to assist us in providing a creative program for the children of North Tracy this fall.

Although the initial purpose of the project is to furnish child care, it is hoped this will be merely the first of many activities on which the residents of the Clover Road neighborhood will cooperate. We are therefore calling the undertaking the "Clover Community Program," looking forward to eventual expansion into adult education and other appropriate fields.

We hope, too, that the Clover Community Program will have significance beyond the immediate neighborhood involved. We hope that this will prove to be only the first of a number of similar self-help community development projects throughout the farm labor areas of California.

Please help by sending your contribution to the Treasurer of the Program, Mrs. Thomas Frazier, at the address above. Contact the Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Shah, if you desire further information. And come to Clover Road to visit us any time! Thank you on behalf of the people of the Clover community.

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CHILD CARE CENTER

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THE CHILD CARE CENTER IS FOR CHILDREN OF WORKING PARENTS -- AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WILL BE GIVEN FIRST CHOICE.

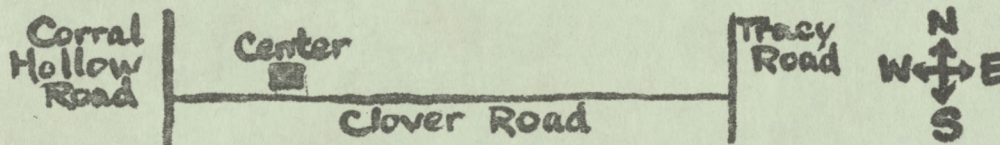
CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE CARED FOR. THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE ARTS AND CRAFTS, MUSIC, GAMES, SCIENCE, SWIMMING, AND RECREATION, UNDER QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS AND SUPERVISORS.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON SNACKS, AND A NOON MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED.

HOURS CAN BE ARRANGED TO SUIT FAMILY NEEDS.

CARE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR 50¢ PER DAY FOR EACH CHILD. BUT NO FAMILY WILL BE CHARGED MORE THAN \$2.00 PER DAY, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN.

THE CHILD CARE CENTER IS LOCATED AT RT. 3, BOX 1148, ON CLOVER ROAD, BETWEEN TRACY ROAD AND CORRAL HOLLOW ROAD.



COME BY THE CENTER TO SEE THE FACILITIES. SIGN UP ANY MORNING BETWEEN 9:00 AND 11:00 A.M. OR, FOR MORE INFORMATION, WRITE TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS, OR TELEPHONE TE. 5-4937 OR TE. 5-9963.

CENTRO DE CUIDADO DE NIÑOS

un servicio del

PROGRAMA PARA LA COMUNIDAD DEL CAMINO CLOVER (Clover Community Program)

El Centro de Cuidado de Niños es para hijos de padres trabajadores --
trabajadores agricolas se les daran primera atención.

Niños bajo 12 años de edad se aceptan. El programa incluye Artes,
Música, Juegos, Siencia, Natación, y Recreación, bajo instructores
y superentientes calificados.

Meriendas en la mañana y en la tarde, una comida al medio dia.

Horas se arreglaran para convenir a las necesidades de la familia

Cada niño se cuidada por 50¢ por dia. Pero ninguna familia pagara mas
de \$2.00 por dia. no importa que tantos niños tengan.

Este Centro está sitiado en la Ruta 3, Cajón 1148, Clover Road, entre
medio de los Caminos TRACY y CORRAL HOLLOW.

Venga al Centro para que vea las facilidades. Ingrese cualquier
manana entre las 9:00 y las 11:00. O, para mas información,
escriba a la direccion que se encuentra arriba, o llame por
telefono, TE 5-4937 o TE 5-9963.